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Sir:

The patents and/or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed as necessary.

A concise explanation of relevance concerning European Patent Application EP 0903732 is that it was cited in the Search Report under categories "Y" and "D", for French Patent Application No. 0011230.

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- ☐ 2. after the time period specified in paragraph 1 above, but, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a final action under 37 CFR §1.113 or notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), submitted herewith is:
- (check either A or B below)
- A. ☐ a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).
- B. ☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c).
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- A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);
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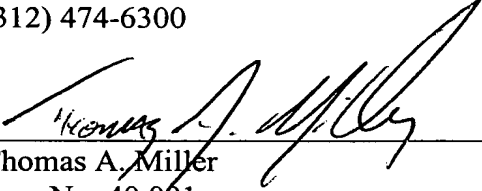
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